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## How Can Your Organization Help?

You can join other community organizations in a **Community Based Partnership** that links earned income and child tax credit education, free tax preparation and asset building. This coalition will emphasize greater coordination of existing services, leveraging of community resources, and **community collaboration** and outreach to assist low and moderate-income families.



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## Benefits

One of the most important — and least expensive — ways the community can help low-income working families is by informing them about, and helping them file for, the **Earned Income Tax Credit** and the **Child Tax Credit**. These refundable credits can provide thousands of dollars to families to improve their standard of living and provide an asset-building opportunity.

## A New Approach

This reflects a philosophical change in working with low-income families. Rather than providing a safety net and government assistance to sustain families while in poverty, the new approach focuses on providing the ability to accumulate assets and move out of poverty to self-sufficiency.



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# Community Based Partnerships

*Building Assets*



**...Roadmap to self-sufficiency**

## Linking the pieces

### Awareness and Education

- Help low-income workers learn about and file for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit.
- Design promotional products and distribute through partnership channels.

### Tax Preparation Sites

- Assist low-income workers with free filing of their tax returns to ensure that they receive Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other federal and state tax credits they are eligible for.
- Support community organizations that preserve the value of EITC.

### Asset Building

- Assist families in using the EITC as a gateway to affordable accessible financial services.
- Provides financial literacy training.

